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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 June 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-850)
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
5) ☐ Notice of Individual Patent Application
6) ☒ Other: see attached office action

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04 June 2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
3. The original art rejections have been withdrawn in light of the newly found art, and in light of the amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
6. Where applicant acts as his or her own lexicographer to specifically define a term of a claim contrary to its ordinary meaning, the written description must clearly redefine the claim term and set forth the uncommon definition so as to put one reasonably skilled in the art on notice that the applicant intended to so redefine that claim term. *Process Control Corp. v.*

HydReclaim Corp., 190 F.3d 1350, 1357, 52 USPQ2d 1029, 1033 (Fed. Cir. 1999). The term “metadata” in claims 1-15 is used by the claim to mean “any data regarding the monitored object, including location, status, properties, events, and relationships data”, while the accepted meaning is “data regarding a separate file, including ownership and editing information.” The term is indefinite because the specification does not clearly redefine the term.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Reddy et al. (7,062,540).

9. For claims 1, 5, 9, Reddy teaches a method and system (abstract) for management and configuration of remote agents (col. 1, line 1 – col. 3, line 40; col. 9, lines 5-10), comprising:

- a. Providing at least one web service (Fig. 2; col. 3, line 65 – col. 4, line 65);
- b. Providing an agent metadata service on each of a plurality of remote agents (col. 3, lines 40-65; col. 5, lines 8-55), each agent metadata service operable to retrieve agent metadata residing on the remote agent based on one or more detection parameters (col. 5, line 55 – col. 6, line 59);
- c. Receiving, by the at least one web service, the agent metadata from the plurality of remote agents (col. 7, line 35 – col. 8, line 35); and

- d. Detecting, by the at least one web service, at least one remote agent on a network based on the agent metadata (col. 6, line 59 – col. 7, line 35); and
 - e. Performing at least one of managing and configuring the at least one remote agent based on the at least one web service (col. 6, lines 15-35).
10. For claims 2, 6, 10, Reddy teaches that the at least one remote agent comprises a web service based management interface, wherein the web service based management interface allows a manager to remotely examine and configure the at least one remote agent (col. 4, lines 30-60).
11. For claims 3, 7, 11, Reddy teaches that the manager remotely examines and configures the at least one remote agent through a central management console (col. 8, line 20 – col. 9, line 5).
12. For claims 4, 8, 12, Reddy teaches that the at least one remote agent is configured to run across a firewall, a proxy server, and/or a virtual private network (col. 4, lines 15-30; col. 8, lines 15-20).
13. For claims 13-15, Reddy teaches receiving at least one unsolicited alert notification from the at least one remote agent, the at least one alert notification comprising an indication of a change to the at least one remote agent (col. 6, lines 15-30; col. 8, lines 5-35).

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. They regard further teachings on agent discovery, monitoring and configuration.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELVIN H. POLLACK whose telephone number is (571)272-3887. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571) 272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Melvin H Pollack/
Examiner, Art Unit 2145
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